A View for the New Year: Recovery from Hurricanes and New Gulf Developments

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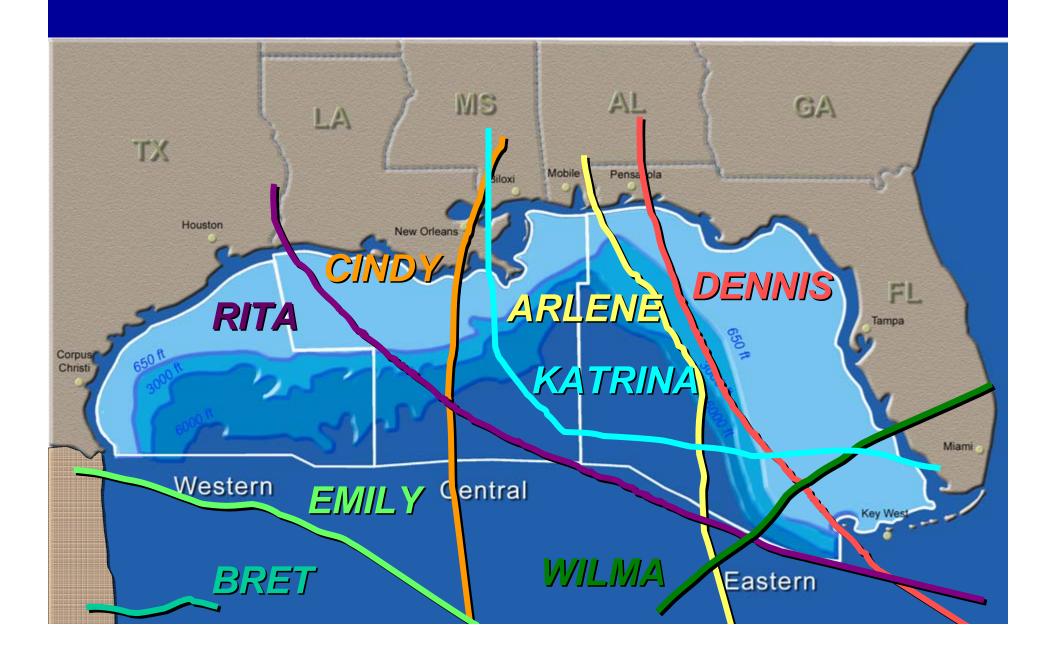
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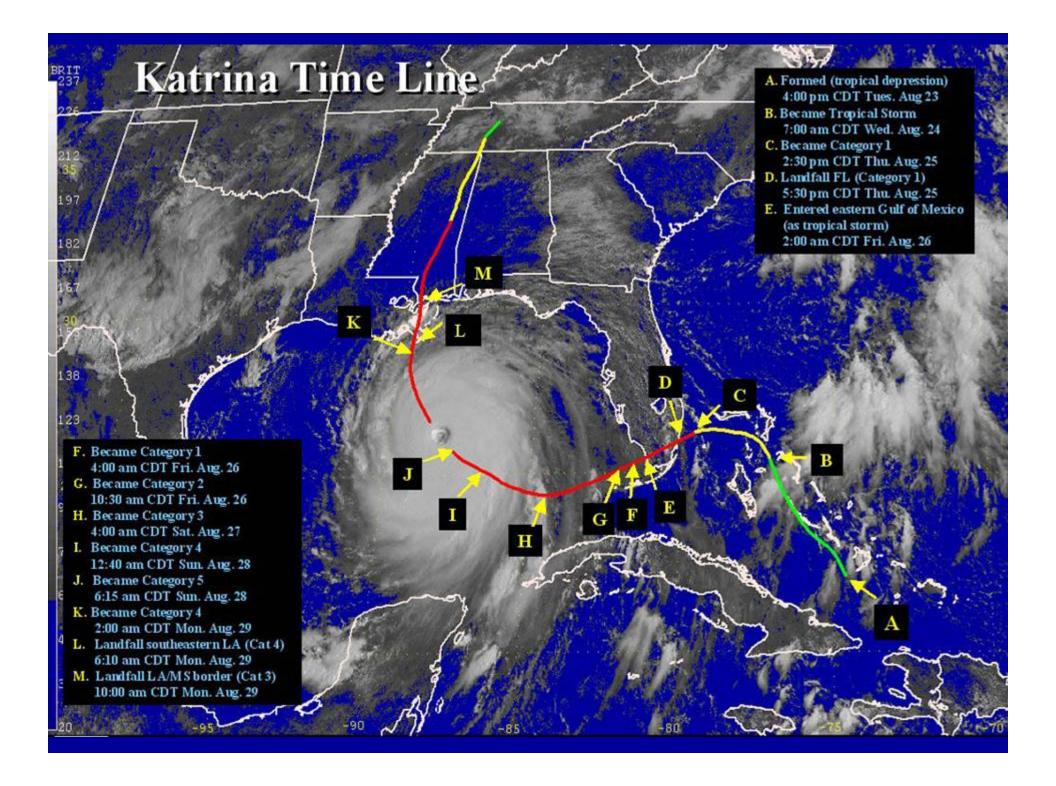
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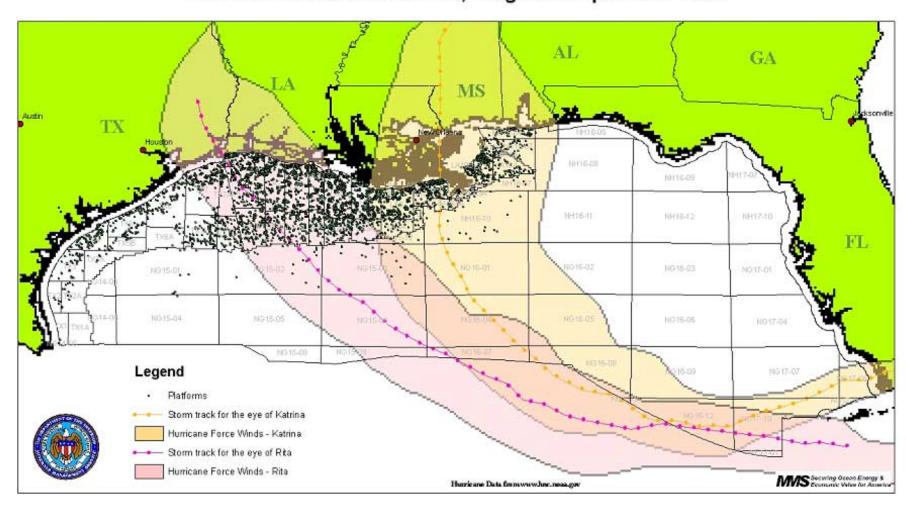


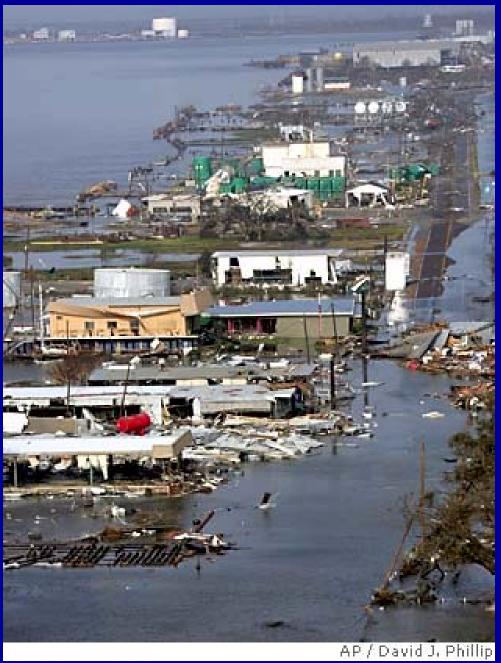
2005 HURRICANE SEASON





Hurricanes Rita and Katrina, August - September 2005



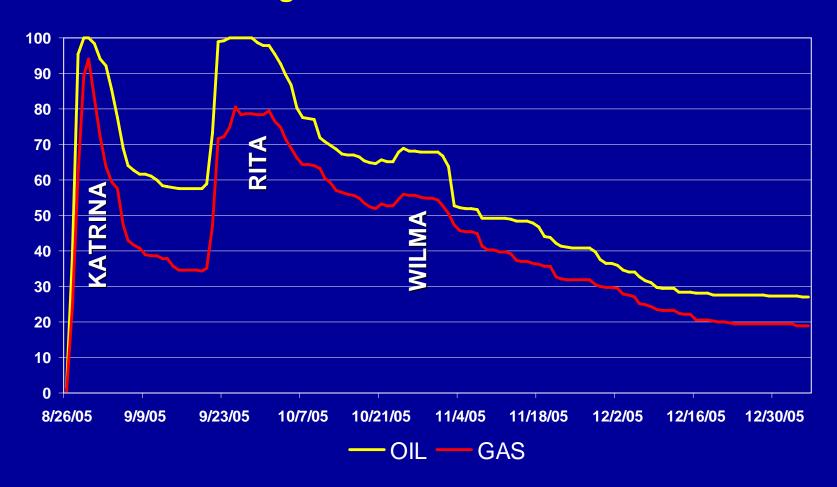


Cameron, La., in coastal southwest Louisiana, was flooded after suffering extensive storm damage. Associated Press photo by David J. Phillip



High water covers a trailer and a shed in the port city of Lake Charles, La., after Hurricane Rita pushed ashore Saturday. Associated Press photo by LM Otero

Percentage of GOM Production Shut-in

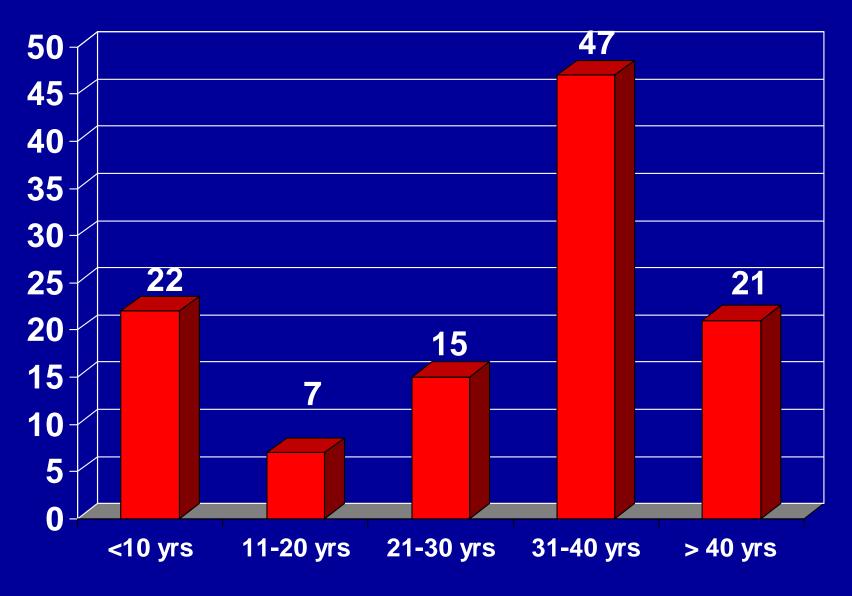


Damaged & Destroyed Platforms

	Katrina	Rita
Destroyed	47	66
Extensive Damage	20	32



Platforms by Age Destroyed by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita



Toppled Platforms Devon Energy SM 128 SA-1

> Before Rita



> After Rita



Toppled Platforms BT Operating El 294 A

> Before Rita

> After Rita





Lost Rigs

- GlobalSantaFe High Island III
- GlobalSantaFe
 Adriatic VII





Chevron Typhoon (Grounded at El 270)





Most common type of pipeline damage caused by Hurricane Rita



Damage

The number and type of damage will only grow in the next 12 months as underwater surveys and assessments are completed.

Major Issues in Hurricane

- ▶ 19 MODU's were set adrift from Hurricanes Katrina and Rita
- MODU's adrift are not acceptable
- Secretary of DOI met with companies Nov. 17 to discuss changes
- Companies are evaluating/making mooring changes

Other Changes?

- > Examine structural standards
- > Mud slides
- More reporting?

MMS Proposed Research for Hurricanes Katrina & Rita Request for Papers

- Assess/evaluate pipeline movement/damage
- Assess/evaluate platform damage
- Provide hindcast data for wind, wave & currents
- Assess/evaluate performance of jack-up rigs
- Assess methods to eliminate hydrates in pipelines and risers during start-up
- Model waves and currents produced by hurricanes

MMS COOP Operation

- With the approach of Hurricane Katrina, MMS mobilized its continuity of operations plan (COOP).
- ➤ A small temporary office (6) was created in Houston to monitor the storm damage and direct operations.
- ➤ October 28 450 MMS employees reoccupied part of its New Orleans Office and all employees reported back to work
- ➤ The Regional Office with 150 employees remains in Houston while the New Orleans office is rebuilt.

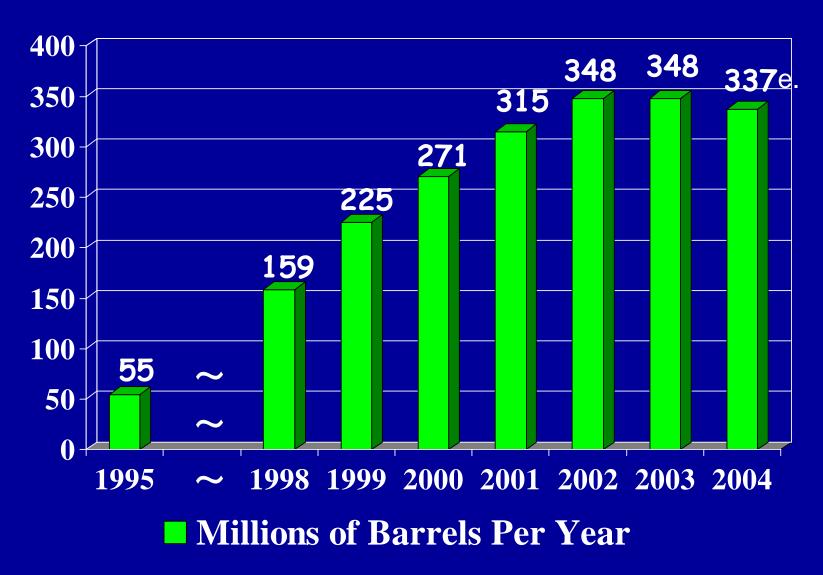
New Developments in the Gulf of Mexico

Energy Bill Provisions that Will Affect Lease Sales

- Added a third tier of royalty relief for deep gas drilling in 0 - 200m of water (> 20,000 ft.)
- Added three tiers of royalty relief for deep gas drilling in 200 - 400m of water
- Added a royalty relief level in deep water 16 mmboe in depths greater than 2000m

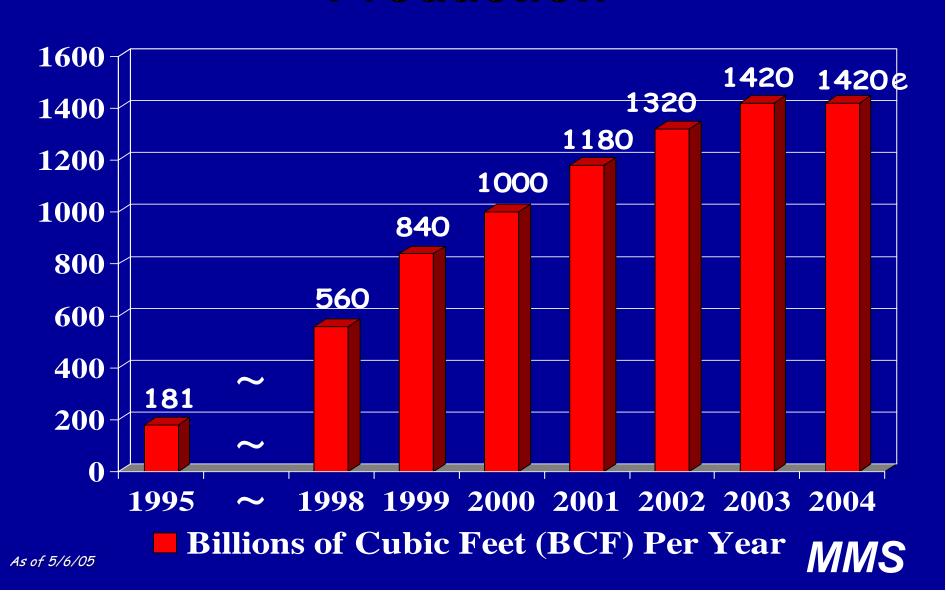
GOM production has been significantly lowered due to hurricanes in 2004 and 2005

Gulf of Mexico Deep Water Oil Production





Gulf of Mexico Deep Water Gas Production



New developments suggest a bright future for the Gulf

Gulf Deep Water Discoveries - 2004

Prospect

Operator Area / Block Water Depth'

Tobago	Shell Offshore	AC 859	9,627'
Silvertip	ChevronTexaco	AC 815	9,226'
Tiger	ChevronTexaco	AC 818	9,004'
Cheyenne	Anadarko Petroleum	LL 399	8,987'
Atlas NW	Anadarko Petroleum	LL 005	8,810'
Dachshund/Mondo	Anadarko Petroleum	LL 002	8,340'
San Jacinto	Dominion Exploration	DC 618/619	7,850'
Jack	ChevronTexaco	WR 759	6,965'
La Femme	Newfield Exploration	MC 427	5,800'
Thunder Hawk	Murphy Exploration	MC 734	5,724'
Goldfinger	Dominion Exploration	MC 771	5,423'
Ticonderoga	Kerr-McGee	GC 768	5,250'
Puma	BP Exp. & Prod. Inc.	GC 823	4,130'
Dawson Deep	Kerr-McGee	GB 625	2,900'
Crested Butte	Nexen Pet. U.S.A.	GC 242	2,846'

Gulf Deep Water Discoveries - 2005

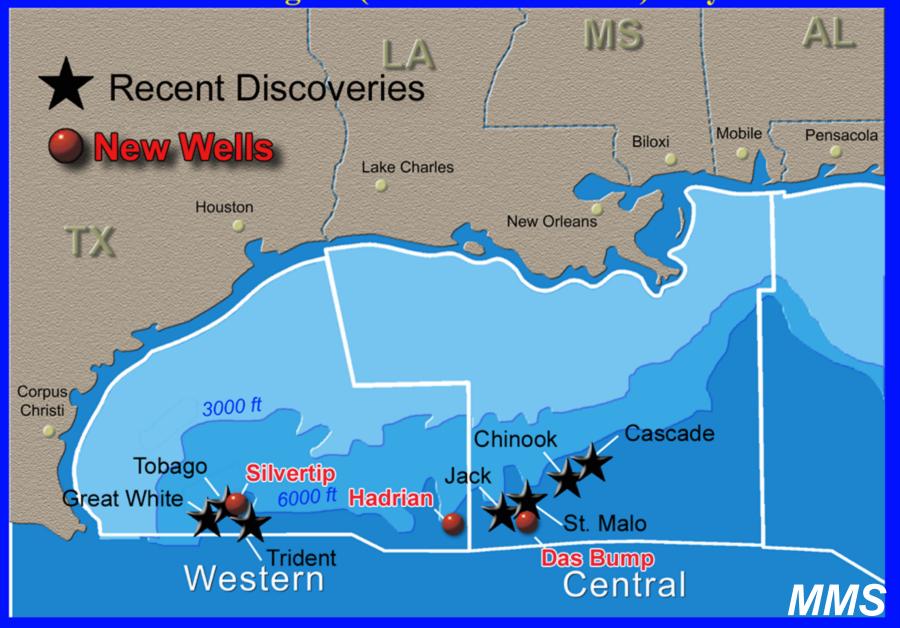
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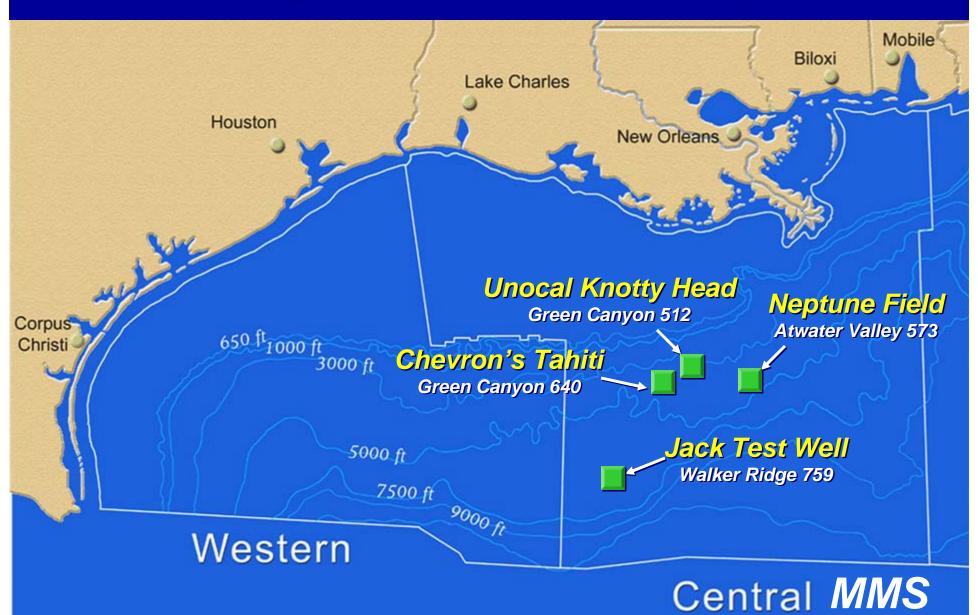
Stones	BP	WR BLK 508	9576 ft.
Jubilee Ext.	Anadarko	LR BLK 309	8774 ft.
Mondo NW Ext.	Anadarko	LR Blk 001	8340 ft.
Q	Spinnaker	MC BLK 961	7925 ft.
Genghis Khan	Anadarko	GC BLK 652	4300 ft.
Wrigley	Newfield	MC BLK 506	3700 ft.
Knotty Head	Chevron/Unocal	GC BLK 512	3557 ft.
Clipper	Pioneer	GC BLK 299	3452 ft.
Anduin	Nexen	MC BLK 755	2400 ft.

Recent Ultra-Deep Water Activity

Paleogene (aka Eocene/Wilcox) Play



Major New Activity



Seismic Noise Remains as an Issue

Environmental Study

MMS Sperm Whale Seismic Study – Part II (SWSS II)

- > Awarded in 2005
- Understand sperm whales movements, and feeding and breeding behavior
- Characterize industry/ambient noise
- Determine acoustic effects on sperm whales